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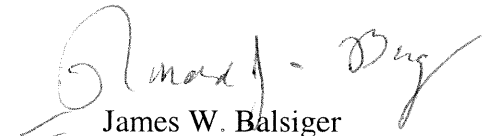
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Mr. Eric Prestegard, Executive Director
Macaulay Salmon Hatchery
2697 Chanel Drive
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mr. Prestegard:

I would like to thank you and your staff, Rick Focht, Director of Research and Evaluation; Robert Parsons, Tourism Manager; and Cassie Mitchel, Interpreter, for the excellent tour you provided to members of the U.S. and Chilean delegations on July 29, 2004. The detailed, behind the scenes, operational tour of the Macaulay Hatchery was much appreciated by members of the delegations. Thank you for helping to make the Seventh Session of the United States - Chile Fishery Cooperation Talks a success. I appreciate your efforts and I am enclosing four NMFS hats for you and your staff.

Sincerely,


James W. Balsiger
For Administrator Alaska Region

cc: Cindy Hartmann
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